

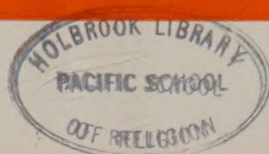
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Independence Hall, historic landmark of the City of Brotherly Love

It's Philadelphia—July 6-11!

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Independence Hall, with the famed Liberty Bell, is only one of many historic sites which delegates to the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11, will visit. The convention program will include many opportunities for sight-seeing.

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from the General Secretary

We Stand Ready!

Seventy years ago, in 1889, the publications department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor was established. Since that time tons of materials, helps, jewelry, sportswear, and novelties have been shipped to every part of the world. "We stand ready to serve your needs promptly," is the constant claim of Carl F. Herrmann, manager of the Publishing Department, as it has been renamed in later years. You will want to write to him for your copy of the Christian Endeavor Literature and Supplies Catalog. You will find it filled with interesting, helpful, and worthwhile suggestions for boosting the work of youth groups.

From Our Mail!

A prominent broker in Montreal, sending along his \$15 Annual Membership in Christian Endeavor International, tells of his association over 72 years and of what the local society has meant to him and to his wife From the Blue Grass State comes an annual membership with these words from one who speaks of his being a Christian Endeavorer during the past sixty or more years, "I wish that every young person could know the wonderful experiences I have had through the years. It has been worth more than I can tell." An outstanding Seattle (Washington) attorney writes with his \$15 fee, "God bless you in the fine work you are doing in leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour from sin. We know that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, still cleanseth from all sin. This message is the only hope of salvation for our world of today." An Empire State Endeavorer sends a membership fee as a small measure of gratitude for how the Lord has used Christian Endeavor in directing him in his paths.

How is your mail? Have you sent your Annual Membership to Columbus? Do it right now, won't you?

Philadelphia Next!

We're going to Philadelphia! Yes, at the invitation of Protestant leaders in the City of Brotherly Love, we are going there for our 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 6-11. We're going from all across North America. Youth and leaders of youth will be converging on Philadelphia for a great interdenominational, international, interracial convention this summer. Unsurpassed local arrangements are already assured and there is a fine program arranged, too.

And—it's within the reach of all! Because of the economy-minded local committee, it is possible for a delegate to enjoy six power-packed convention days for just \$35 plus transportation. C'mon along! Register right away!

Alcohol Talks!

Are you looking for a straightforward, interesting approach to the alcohol question that will capture the attention of youth? See "Alcohol Talks from the Laboratory" in the December 1958 issue of the Scientific Temperance Journal, published by the Temperance Education Foundation, Inc., at Westerville, Ohio. In it the author, Mr. Howard E. Hamlin, a distinguished educator and former Supervisor of Health and Narcotic Education in the Ohio Department of Education, dramatizes some of his scientific findings. A limited number of copies are available. Write to the foundation at 110 South State Street, Westerville, Ohio.

Another Year!

Christian Endeavor has just stepped over into its 79th year! Countless numbers of projects, displays, banquets, parties, services, and other events marked the recent 78th anniversary of the movement, the pioneer youth effort in Protestant churches. May God guide and direct as we move into uncharted paths in the year that lies ahead.

Harold Westerhoff



Christian Endeavor Week was officially proclaimed by Governor Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio. Looking on are George Seibert (left) and Robert F. Hildreth (right), two Christian Endeavorers. The proclamation urged "the churches and the people of this state make a week of rededication to the task of teaching and leading young people in the ways of righteousness and encouraging those who in their youth are taking leadership in God's work."

Birthday Celebrations From Coast To Coast

Stirring reports of anniversary celebrations from all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and around the world are pouring into Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

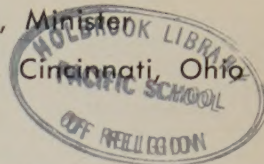
Endeavorers observed the 78th birthday of the movement on February 2, with the week from January 25 to February 1 being celebrated as Christian Endeavor Week.

Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, reports great enthusiasm and good attendance at rallies, banquets, and meetings he participated in as part of a Christian Endeavor Week tour through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana.

On page 19 of this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are many of the best reports of Christian Endeavor Week activities, received just at press time. Additional reports will be included in the April issue.

For Christ and the Church

By Dr. Irvin Shortess Yeaworth, Minister
The Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio



(Editor's Note: This article was printed on the back of the morning bulletin of Covenant-First Church for February 1, Christian Endeavor Day.)

In the great youth movement, Christian Endeavor, which was founded seventy-eight years ago, we find the purpose for its existence clearly expressed in its motto, "For Christ and the Church." In the depths of the hearts of most of us there vibrates a deep love and high regard for the primary purpose of Christian Endeavor, and while many of us are no longer active in its work we rejoice to be numbered among the vast army of Christians who were given their early training, in churchmanship, in Christian Endeavor.

"For Christ and the Church!" What other purpose is there in life for the Christian that is more commendable, lofty, or inspiring. In recent years we have been giving heed to many other calls and challenges having as their aim a more congenial society, or a better world. While much can be said in their behalf at their very best they are but inferior substitutes for the great rallying cry of our Christian Endeavor youth of recent years. Christ has not called us to build a new world. He has commissioned us to declare the message of salvation, calling men out of his doomed old world that they might be numbered among the redeemed ones for whom God is preparing a new heaven and a new earth.

The first question in our church's Shorter Catechism is "What is man's chief end?" The answer, which we well know and recognize is, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." How can we better glorify Him, and enjoy Him in time and in eternity, than by bending all of our interests and efforts toward the great goal of yielding all and doing all "For Christ and the Church."

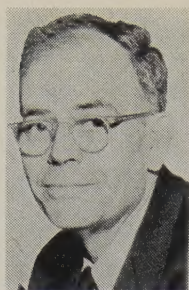
The first part of the Christian Endeavor motto deals with our relationship to a Person, and it is suggested that above all else we place Christ as absolutely first in our interest, devotion, and loyalty. As the Apostle Paul stated in his letter to the Colossians, "that in all things He might have the preeminence." The late J. Stuart Holden, of London, caught the significance of this verse when he said, "Christ is not satisfied merely with a place in your life, nor even with a measure of prominence, for He requires preeminence!" Christ must come first. We must seek Him, and His Kingdom, first!

Our Christian life has its foundation, strength, direction, inspiration, and goal in Him! We believe in His salvation, first of all, and then we accept Him as our Saviour. We obey His voice in service. We confess Him before men. We live for Him. We fellowship with Him in prayer. We look for His return. And as we seek to serve Him we rely upon Him declaring in our hearts "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength I promise Him. . . ." Is Christ still first in the motto of your life, and in the method of your living?

If Christ is in His proper place in our life, we find that it is not at all difficult to express vital interest in and loyalty to His church—The Church is the Bride of Christ! How we should love that which is so dear to Him! The Church is the Body of Christ! How we should respond to every desire of Him, who is our Head! The Church is the temple in which His honor dwelleth! How we should seek, by His Holy Spirit, that we keep ourselves spotless and pure as a fit abiding place for Him.

Recognizing that we express our love to Him as we seek to further the interests of His Church, it is well for us to recall that His Church is made up of others who also seek to give Him preeminence. How we should delight in the fellowship of those of kindred minds! How concerned we should be about faithfulness to all of its program and ordinance! How zealous we should be for its growth! How willingly we should sacrifice for its support! Indeed, unless we truly concern ourselves with the forward moving march of His Church, we may well question the sincerity of our profession of love and loyalty to Him!

How does it stand with you today! Have you outgrown the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church"? Perhaps we had better ask ourselves, have we begun to live up to it?



Dr. Harry G. Denman



Dr. Daniel A. Poling



Dr. Ross H. Stover



Rev. Arno Pagel



Dr. Harold John Ockenga



Dr. Earle W. Gates

Powerful Program Personalities

Challenging messages in store
at 45th International Convention
in Philadelphia July 6-11

Inspiration and instruction
for thousands of Endeavorers in
the City of Brotherly Love

A look at the line up of major convention speakers indicates a program of real spiritual power in Philadelphia.

Each evening convention delegates will hear a man of God, chosen to speak for the timely message he has to give.

The schedule for the speakers at the mass meetings is as follows:

Monday, July 6—

Dr. Earle W. Gates

Tuesday, July 7—

Dr. Harry G. Denman

Wednesday, July 8—

Dr. Daniel A. Poling

Thursday, July 9—

Dr. Ross H. Stover

Friday, July 10—

Rev. Arno Pagel

Saturday, July 11—

Dr. Harold John Ockenga

Look at the achievement record of each of these outstanding Christian men.

Dr. Earle W. Gates

The keynote address at the opening session on Monday evening will be given by Dr. Gates, who has served as president of the International Society since 1955.

Dr. Gates for over 20 years has been pastor of the First Church of Evans, Derby, New York. This community church has active constituents formerly from 36 denominations.

Much Experience

Dr. Gates has served Christian Endeavor in many capacities. He was president of his local society and his local union and is a former executive secretary of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society and also of the World's Union.

For a number of years Dr. Gates has been a contributing editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and has written for numerous other magazines.

He was one of the major speakers at the recent World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, and has traveled thousands of miles in the interest of Christian Endeavor.

In addition to his many Christian Endeavor duties, Dr. Gates is active in other church and civic affairs. Chairman of the Protestant Committee on Scouting for the Buffalo and Erie County Council of Churches, he holds the Silver Beaver award of the Boy Scouts of America. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo and Erie County Bible Society.

Community interests include work with the Red Cross, the Ground Observer Corps, fire department, parent-teacher associations, and athletic groups.

Before coming to the First Church of Evans in Derby, which is a suburb of Buffalo, Dr. Gates served as pastor of churches in Buffalo, Dunkirk, Woodlawn, and Niagara Falls, in both the Disciples of Christ and the United Presbyterian denominations.

Dr. Harry G. Denman

Called by Billy Graham "the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America," Dr. Denman will address convention delegates on Tuesday night.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, was working in the office of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at the time he began his career as a lay evangelist. Before entering his present work as general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism at Nashville, Tennessee, he served as secretary of the Birmingham Sunday School Association and as church manager of First Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Every Layman a Witness

Dr. Denman takes seriously the responsibility of every layman to be an outspoken witness for Jesus Christ.

He is on the road constantly, visiting local Methodist churches in every part of the country to help organize evangelistic missions. He recently conducted a series of meetings in India and Pakistan.

Dr. Denman, who is not ordained, refuses to accept a salary from the Board of Evangelism. "I am a bachelor and do not need a salary," he explains. His living expenses, which the board pays, are held to the minimum.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling

The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, who will speak at Wednesday evening's session, is widely renowned in many fields.

Dr. Poling, minister of the Gospel, editor, novelist, radio speaker, civic leader, friend of youth, is a dynamic figure in American life and in world affairs.

He has served as president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union since the death of Dr. Francis Clark in 1927 and was re-elected to the high office at the recent Frankfurt Convention.

Dr. Poling began his Christian Endeavor career as field secretary of the Ohio Union. Later he became citizenship superintendent of the International Society. He served for a time as associate president and

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25 became head of the organization, a position which he filled until 1949.

Man of Achievement

Dr. Poling's life has been marked by success in many fields. He is the editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, serves as chairman of the Executive Council of the Inter-American Conference to Combat Communism, is the author of a number of books, and has his own radio program each Sunday over Mutual Broadcasting System. He is the "father" of Allied Youth, an organization to help young people in the letter of temperance.

Dr. Poling's travels take him to all parts of the world. He recently journeyed to the Orient where he visited Endeavorers in Hawaii, Japan, and Korea. He has traveled almost two million miles in his many trips overseas and participated in Christian Endeavor meetings around the globe.

During World War I Dr. Poling served as a Y.M.C.A. worker; in World War II as a war correspondent. He has held pastorates at Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, and at Grace Baptist Temple in Philadelphia.

Dr. Ross H. Stover

Thursday night's speaker is the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, often called "The Friendly Church."

The Thursday evening session will be a convention "first," for it will be conducted aboard the S.S. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA as delegates enjoy a cruise on the Delaware River.

Dr. Stover is known for his winning smile and radiant personality. A feature writer said of him, "Ross Stover has 'color.' He is big, good looking, and the possessor of an enthusiastic and optimistic spirit. He draws people to him."

Messiah Lutheran Church is known for its great crowds, particularly at the midweek prayer service. Thousands have heard Dr. Stover speak at the annual Easter Sunrise Service at Temple University, as well as the annual series of Lenten Sunday night services in the Academy of Music and at Philadelphia's Convention Hall on Palm Sunday night.

Athlete, Author, and Musician

In college days at Wittenberg and Emma Divinity School in Springfield, Ohio, Dr. Stover was the boxing champion; he still holds the college two-mile record.

He is the author of several books and booklets and is Professor of Public Speaking at Temple University School of Theology. He has studied voice and directed various glee clubs and other choral groups. A plaque presented to Dr. Stover in 1953 by the Citizens Committee, honoring his 4 years in Philadelphia, said, "We salute you as a great American, an outstanding humanitarian and an inspiring leader. Yours has truly been a force for good in a world much in need of militant virtue."

Rev. Arno Pagel

From Germany comes the speaker at the Friday evening session. The full-time president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, Mr. Pagel speaks excellent English.

The dynamic president of the German Union edits three magazines and has written seventeen books and booklets, among

which are a new short biography of Dr. Francis E. Clark and a history of Christian Endeavor in Germany.

Mr. Pagel spends much time traveling to camps, conferences, conventions, and in tent mission evangelistic campaigns. He seeks to maintain relationship with Endeavorers in the Eastern Zone of Germany and has made several visits to Woltersdorf, the former headquarters of the German Union and now an evangelical hospital. In the summer of 1957 he visited Dresden, Leipzig, and other cities of the Eastern Zone, but present regulations make it very difficult to secure permission for another visit.

During the war years Mr. Pagel, a young evangelical pastor, was stationed near Kassel. Here he met Otto Kaiser, president of the German Union, and came into closer contact with the work of Christian Endeavor. After the war he became field secretary of the movement and in 1952, at the death of Mr. Kaiser, was appointed by the German Council to succeed him. In 1956 he was re-elected for another four years as president.

Revival in Germany

Mr. Pagel reports that in the years after the war there was a great revival among youth in Germany in many camps and conferences and it was possible to build out of the ruins a new German Christian Endeavor movement.

Mr. Pagel has participated in Christian Endeavor conventions in England, Ireland, Norway, Italy, Austria, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Spain, and Holland. He took part in the World's Conventions in London in 1950 and in Washington, D. C., in 1954 and was a major speaker and in charge of many details in connection with the 1958 convention in Frankfurt.

Preceding the Philadelphia Convention, Mr. Pagel, a vice-president of the World's Union, will participate in state conventions in Minnesota, Michigan, and North Carolina.

Dr. Harold John Ockenga

Bringing the message at the closing convention session will be Dr. Ockenga of Boston. Phenomenal results in missionary, evangelistic, and educational endeavor have taken place at Park Street Church during the twenty years of his ministry.

The annual budget has increased from \$20,000 to more than \$400,000 annually. The church supported two missionaries; now it supports 125. There are two services every Sunday morning, each crowded, and a great evening evangelistic service. These services are broadcast over five radio stations and there is also a weekly telecast. Evangelism is the keynote of Dr. Ockenga's ministry.

Virile and Versatile

Dr. Ockenga is a constant traveler, having flown around the world, visited Europe ten times, and crossed the United States more than 70 times. The author of ten books, he is in constant demand as a lecturer and preacher.

From 1942 to 1944 Dr. Ockenga served as president of the National Association of Evangelicals. He has occupied the pulpit of Westminster Chapel in London as supply preacher on a number of occasions. Currently he is president of the American Board of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Dr. Ockenga can accept only a small percentage of the many invitations which come to him. He often expresses his conviction that a man must maintain a strong local ministry and work if he is to earn a right to speak on Biblical and ecclesiastical subjects in the various institutions and organizations advancing the cause of Christ. And he has done just that!

Park Street Church, which this year celebrates its 150th anniversary, was the scene of an anniversary service for Endeavorers in the Boston area on Christian Endeavor Day, February 1.

Here's My Registration for Philadelphia!

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

(Please print or type)

Please register me for Philadelphia 1959. I enclose \$4 (after June 30, 1959, fee is \$5).

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss _____
(Circle proper title)

Street & No. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Church _____
(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union _____

State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

Registration secured by _____

HONORING...

Societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1959 Society Roll Call.

Special certificates have been given to these organizations. Those receiving gold seals have contributed \$50 or more; red seals represent a gift of \$30; and blue seals, a contribution of \$15.

This first list includes those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts through January 31, arranged alphabetically according to states and provinces. As others make their enrollment they will be listed in future publications.

Gold Seal

Capital View Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Alpha Alumni Fellowship, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.
Board of Education, General Eldership of the the Churches of God in North America, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

The General Baptist Press, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Perryopolis, Pennsylvania
Bethel Reformed Church, Brandon, Wisconsin

Blue Seal

Varick, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.
Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Illinois
Junior, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
General Baptist Church, Oakland City, Indiana
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Iowa
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Poole, Kentucky
Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Michigan
Garfield Park Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Junior, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan
First Reformed Church, Edgerton, Minnesota
First General Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Adult-Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Laurel Springs, New Jersey
South Branch Reformed Church, South Branch, New Jersey
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Intermediate, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Dutch Reformed Church of Woodstock, Saugerties, New York
Park Hill First Reformed Church, South Yonkers, New York
Senior, Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Watervliet, New York
Mt. Tabor Church of God, Celina, Ohio
Crissey United Brethren in Christ Church, Holland, Ohio
Kunkle United Brethren Church, West Liberty, Ohio
Bruce County Union, North Bruce, Ontario

Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario
Intermediate, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Mercer County Union, Fredonia, Pennsylvania
Adult Community, Zion United Church of Christ, Greenville, Pennsylvania

St. Bartholomew's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
St. David's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Junior, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Lansdale Schwenkfelder Church, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Keystone League, Christ Evangelical Congregational Church, Lavelle, Pennsylvania
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Geiger Memorial Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Jenkins Men's Bible Class, Grace Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate Senior High, Westminster-Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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1959 Citizenship Contest Judges Announced

Top winners in Christian Endeavor's eighth Citizenship Contest will be selected by this board of judges: A. Richard Diebold, Kenneth L. Wilson, and Dr. Daniel K. Poling. State and provincial winners will be chosen by March 20, with regional contest winners selected by March 31. April 25 is the date for announcement of final winners in the International competition.

Managing Editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, Kenneth L. Wilson of New York City is a well-known Christian journalist. An ordained minister of the Christian Churches and a graduate of Butler University, Mr. Wilson prepared a feature article for his magazine on "Youth Goes to a Convention" in 1955, covering the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio.



A. Richard Diebold of New York City will serve for the second year on the board of judges. President of Diebold Products, Inc., he is a Christian businessman and an active member of the Episcopal Church. His father, Albert H. Diebold, is the donor of the contest awards.



A leader in denominational activities of the Reformed Church in America, Dr. Daniel K. Poling is minister of historic Fort Washington Collegiate Church of New York City. A son of the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Poling is himself an active Endeavorer. He is a vice-president of the New York State Union and a trustee of the International Society, and has just completed a term as a member of International Society's Educational Committee.



That's the Record of Warren Hoopes!

The influence and scope of Christian endeavor in Pennsylvania is largely due to the untiring efforts of Warren G. Hoopes, who for thirty years served as general secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

Mr. Hoopes' sacrifice of personal pleasures for the movement is exceeded only by his love and consecration to Christ. He entered full-time service "for Christ and the Church" after serving the post office for 19 years, having attained the position of assistant postmaster.

West Grove, Pennsylvania, has always been his home town. Educated in the local schools, he was outstanding in football and baseball and is now active in the high school alumni association.



Warren G. Hoopes, Sr.

Mr. Hoopes began his Christian Endeavor experience when he joined the Senior Christian Endeavor Society at West Grove Presbyterian Church in 1917. Having served in several offices in Christian Endeavor, he became president of the Pennsylvania Union in 1924.

In 1928 he left the post office to become general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union. He was installed at the convention in Bethlehem, with Arch McQuilkin as president.

In the thirty years since that convention the following men shared the joy of serv-

ing with Mr. Hoopes as leaders of the Pennsylvania Union: Arch J. McQuilkin, Earl W. Israel, Reuel B. Wolford, George C. Lowe, Harry G. Kuch, Harry B. Scott, "Bert" Shaw, Dr. J. Wilson Byers, Stanley K. Reinhart, Charles S. Drain, Jr., Robert P. Chapman, J. Allen Tucker, Paul F. Hurley, James Thompson, E. Herman Brackbill, and Gordon McMordie. Each served a two-year term as president.

Among the most memorable events of these 30 years in Christian Endeavor are the 1930 World's Convention in Berlin, Germany, and International Conventions in 1931 in San Francisco and in 1935 in Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania delegates to the San Francisco Convention continue to meet annually for a week end of fellowship.

The fellowship tours with Homer Rodeheaver and B. D. Ackley did much to further the work of Christian Endeavor in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hoopes cherishes the friendship and memories of these two great servants of Christ. He continues to tour the Keystone State but now in a different capacity—promoting the Christian Endeavor Adult Fellowship work with Earl Israel.

Warren and Marion (Cook) Hoopes were married on November 25 many years ago. They have two children, Warren, Jr., and Betty Jane, both married and the parents of a son and a daughter and both active in Christian Endeavor. Warren, Jr., teaches school in the Lancaster area and is active in the Lancaster County Union. Betty Jane (now Mrs. Lloyd Heiges) is assistant Junior Superintendent of the York County Union.

Pennsylvania Endeavorers honored Mr.

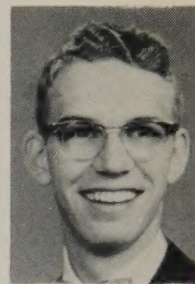
Hoopes and his wife on the occasion of his retirement last summer by presenting them with a "treasure chest" for treasured years of service, during the convention at Wilson College. His local church, where he is an elder, and the Chester County Union honored him as well for his faithful service.

Warren and Marion Hoopes continue to faithfully serve their Lord in many, many ways through Christian Endeavor. May God continue to bless and use them in His service.

State Union Presidents



Marvin C. Sloane



Darrel L. May

Mr. Sloane, New York State Union head, is sales correspondent for the Rochester Button Company. At Second Reformed Church in Rochester he is the tenor soloist. The Colorado Union president, Mr. May, is a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder. His home town is Denver, where he attends East Side Christian Church.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for April, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

Mar. 30. Fellowship. I John 1:3,6,7.
Mar. 31. United Prayer. Acts 1:12-14; 2:1.
Apr. 1. Christian Teaching. II Timothy 2:1,2,14.
Apr. 2. Joint Worship. Hebrews 10:22-25.
Apr. 3. Encouragement. Galatians 6:1,2.
Apr. 4. Unity with Others. Galatians 3:26-29.
Sun., Apr. 5. Topic—What Should I Expect from My Church? Isaiah 2:3; Revelation 3:1-6; Ephesians 5:27.
Apr. 6. Worship a Necessity. Psalm 96.
Apr. 7. Joy in Church Attendance. Psalm 122:1.
Apr. 8. Cheerful Giving. II Corinthians 9:6-8.
Apr. 9. Faithful Service. I Corinthians 3:8-15.
Apr. 10. Good Witnessing. Mark 5:18-20.
Apr. 11. To Do Good. Hebrews 13:15-18.
Sun., Apr. 12. Topic—What Should My Church Expect from Me? II Timothy 2:15; I Corinthians 12:15-31; Hebrews 10:25.

M., Apr. 13. Christian. Matthew 16:24,25.
T., Apr. 14. Endeavor. Philippians 3:13,14.
W., Apr. 15. Confession. Matthew 10:32,33.
T., Apr. 16. Service. Colossians 3:23,24.
F., Apr. 17. Loyalty. John 15:5-8.
S., Apr. 18. Fellowship. I John 1:6,7.
Sun., Apr. 19. Topic—What Is Christian Endeavor? Romans 12:9-21.
M., Apr. 20. I Press Forward. Hebrews 6:1-3.
T., Apr. 21. A More Excellent Way. I Corinthians 13:11-13.
W., Apr. 22. All Things Loss. Philippians 3:7-9.
T., Apr. 23. In Earthen Vessels. II Corinthians 4:5-7.
F., Apr. 24. Faithful Unto Death. Revelation 2:8-10.
S., Apr. 25. Think on These Things. Philippians 4:8,9.
Sun., Apr. 26. Topic—Christian Endeavor Prepares for Leadership. II Timothy 2:2; Mark 1:16-20.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Mar. 30. The Bread of Life. John 6:33-35.
T., Mar. 31. The Good Shepherd. John 10:1-15.
W., Apr. 1. Christ Saves the Lost. Luke 19:1-10.
T., Apr. 2. Christ Saves from Sin. Matthew 1:18-21.
F., Apr. 3. Christ Gave His Life. Matthew 20:25-28.
S., Apr. 4. My Leader. Luke 4:40-44.
Sun., Apr. 5. Topic—He Is My Christ. Romans 10:9.
M., Apr. 6. Eternal Life. John 3:35,36.
T., Apr. 7. Abundant Life. John 10:9-11.
W., Apr. 8. Life's Only Source. I John 5:11,12.
T., Apr. 9. The Object of Life. Philippians 1:20-22.
F., Apr. 10. The Product of God's Love. John 3:14-17.
S., Apr. 11. In Scripture. John 5:36-40.
Sun., Apr. 12. Topic—He Is My Life. Luke 18:18-23; II Corinthians 5:17.
M., Apr. 13. Enduring Word. I Peter 1:24,25.
T., Apr. 14. Enduring Hope. Romans 15:4.
W., Apr. 15. Enduring Faith. Romans 10:4-13.
T., Apr. 16. Enduring Power. Hebrews 4:12,13.
F., Apr. 17. My Light. Psalm 119:105-112.
S., Apr. 18. My Delight. Psalm 1.
Sun., Apr. 19. Topic—This Is My Bible. Deuteronomy 17:19; John 5:39; Acts 17:11.
M., Apr. 20. The Church Is Christ's Body. Ephesians 1:20-23.
T., Apr. 21. Responsibility of Members. Colossians 2:6-17.
W., Apr. 22. Unity in Christ. Galatians 3:26-29.
T., Apr. 23. Oneness of Christians. John 17:20-23.
F., Apr. 24. Worship Together. Hebrews 10:22-25.
S., Apr. 25. Fellowship in Prayer. Acts 1:12-14; 2:1.
Sun., Apr. 26. Topic—This Is My Church. Romans 12:4,5.



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With Young Adults

Christ Is Risen

AT Easter dawn begins the new epoch of hope and trust. For the Christian, death and sin have been vanquished. Our picture is symbolic: while deadening snows remain on the mountain, those dwelling in the fruitful valley of Christian trust rejoice in the blooming flowers. To those who believe and who act by their faith, death has been replaced by the certainty of eternal life, a flowering of the human spirit in God's presence.

For Christ is risen, *as He said!* He returns to His own, who quickly reassemble to greet Him and hear His words. The risen Saviour commissions them to go, teach, baptize. Again they are promised "power from on high" (Luke 24:29). And now they surely believe in and will be ready for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Any and all of Christ's promises are now gladly accepted and fully believed!

The resurrection, in which the most trusting had only half believed, confirms Jesus as Son of God—"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). He it is who "bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12).

Renewed by His resurrection, after He died for man's sin, are all the truths He has spoken and practiced—and the repeated assurances of pardon and salvation (Luke 24:44-48; Mark 10:45; John 17:19-26; Romans 3:23-25).

Beginning with Easter morn, those who will open their hearts to Him see that all Jesus taught, counseled and promised is in fact God's message to man.

As the Gospels take form, friends of Jesus begin to piece together the scarcely understood purposes of the Master, in choosing the Twelve to "be with Him." From the Gospels, we believe Jesus hoped the early disciples would

... understand His revelations (Matthew 13:51);

... seek to grasp His spirit (Matthew 10:16-22; Luke 6:35-38; 22:35; John 6:35-40; 13:4-9; 15:14-16);

... share to such extent as they were able in revelations of His divine Sonship (as in Mark 9:2-10); and

... be ready to speak and work as His witnesses in the days to come (Matthew 20:17-28; Luke 10:21-24; John 13:31-35; 17:6-24).

As witnesses of the resurrection, the first Christians now begin to perceive God's truths expressed in the Saviour He sent to man.

The magnificently stirring discovery, soon after Calvary, that *Jesus lives* results in a variety of narratives: who first visited the empty tomb, what did the angel say, by what means did others hear the news? We have no "official history" of the incidents. Four Gospels give the witness: Christ died, and for us; He lives, and for us; He claims



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allegiance not as prophet and healer but because He is the Way chosen by God to bring redemption to man (John 12:44-50; 14:6,7,12-14; 16:24,27,33; I John 1:7-9).

The Gospels have all the more value to us because they show human failings in the very presence of God's Son. The witnesses do not gloss over the fears, quibbling, jealousies, and at Gethsemane, indifference followed by panic and denials.

We have met the blunt, blundering Peter. He cannot sense the meaning of the transfiguration (Matthew 17:4), blusters during Passion Week (Luke 22:33,34), and three times denies his Lord. But after Easter, Peter is the "rock" that Jesus knew God's grace and power would enable him to become (Luke 22:32). We might say it was the resurrection, with its witness to Jesus Christ as Son of God, that *converted* Peter, as it put iron into gentle John and removed the last doubts of Thomas.

THERE was early recognition in the infant Church of Christ that *all* Jesus did and taught must be communicated, now that the resurrection confirmed Him as God's Chosen One to save mankind. Note Acts 1:21-26, with its emphasis on those who "companied" with Jesus from His baptism to the ascension. Working back from this time, when Jesus is not with the faithful in person but through the Holy Spirit, the many witnesses succeed in recalling many important acts and sayings of their Master. (But notice the comment at John 21:25.)

Word of mouth witnessing was enough for the early Church; the Gospels are for us! And they reflect the Light of the World, shining on those who sinned, including those who were trying to do right (Mark 10:17-22). The Gospels did not attempt to provide a day-by-day journal of Christ's words and works. But we look to them for the Sermon on the Mount, the parables unmatched among other teachers, the words of hope and comfort. We learn here how to live—respecting womanhood and the child, forgiving enemies, caring for sick and needy, using money wisely and generously, praying "without ceasing." Such manner of living will help fit us for eternal life, but it is our undeserved pardon by Christ's death for us that becomes the essential word of the Gospels. Here only, in His death, is our rebirth as children of God.

—B. H. D.

**Fifth and Final Set of Program
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He Is My Christ

No. 1 in a Series: "Personal Religion"

Romans 10:9

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Vernon Hoffman*

Purpose

To show the need of that true type of inward belief in the Lord Jesus Christ which is coupled with an outward confession.

For the Leader

This is the first in a series of four topics on the subject of personal religion. The themes of these topics will strike at the very heart of the Christian faith. This week we are considering the necessary relationship of Christ to any person who wishes to be called a Christian, and the witness that every true believer should make concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

This topic may be divided among three speakers. If you desire to present the topic in this way, be sure to inform the speakers well in advance, and urge them to find and read several Biblical references which correspond to their section of the topic.

The Important Question

Early in His ministry our Lord Jesus Christ spent much time in the training of the Twelve. Day after day He took them along with Him and instructed them in the great truths of His person, work, and kingdom. One day when they were in the district of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked the Twelve who men said that He, Jesus, was.

The disciples replied that some of the people thought Jesus was John the Baptist, while others contended that He was Elijah, and still others seemed to think that He was Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Now by the very ideas these people had, they showed that they held Jesus in high esteem. For every one of the men with whom they confused Jesus was an honorable and mighty man of God. But though their estimate of Jesus was high, it was not high enough.

Finally, after He heard these various guesses as to His person, Jesus turned to His disciples and asked them who they said He was. It is at this time that Peter offered his wonderful testimony when he confessed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Here was a proper answer, and Jesus indicated His approval of this answer as He commended Peter and told him that this answer had not come to him by flesh and blood, but was revealed to him by the Father in heaven.

The important question of who Jesus Christ is and what place He occupies in our life needs to be answered by each one of us, even as it was answered by Peter long ago. The early Christian community confessed their faith as they would witness: "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Because Christian Endeavor believes in the importance of this type of witness, one of its four cardinal principles has always been, "Confession of Christ." It is essential

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship

Hymn: **The Church's One Foundation**

Scripture: Romans 10:1-13; Matthew 16:13-17

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

Announcements and Offering

Topic

Discussion

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Hymn: **Living for Jesus**

Benediction

for this confession to come from a heart which has surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith. If our confession is so important, we should notice the reply of Scripture to the question, "Who is this Christ?"

Scripture's Answer

At the center of God's Word is the person of Jesus Christ. Scripture declares that Jesus was not only a fine moral man who lived a life of sinless perfection, but that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who alone can offer man hope for salvation from sin, and a restored life of fellowship with God.

God's Redeemer is not only a New Testament figure. Centuries before the Son of God invaded human history, through His faithful prophets and spokesmen, the Lord had promised the coming of His Anointed One. As they read these promises over and over again, the Jewish believers began to await the coming of the promised Messiah. Micah 5:2 was just such a passage. Many things about His birth, life and death were foretold (read Psalm 2, Isaiah 53, and Isaiah 9:6). Christ came as the perfect fulfillment of the promise God had repeatedly given His people.

This Christ who in the incarnation broke through human history had a great work to accomplish. Every man was a slave to sin (read Romans 3:23 and 5:12). Christ had come to break this bondage and set men free. There was, however, only one way for Christ to make atonement for sin, and that was by means of His own sacrificial death. For in speaking of sin and its forgiveness the Word of God plainly states, "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). So it was that in the fullness of time the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, took upon Himself human flesh and allowed His blood to be spilt upon the cross of Calvary. Of Christ alone it can be said, "He came to die." For this was the necessary action which He, and He alone, could take to guarantee man the gift of eternal fellowship with God.

After the death of Jesus His body was taken from the cross and placed in a tomb. But no grave had the power to contain Christ who arose triumphant and lives forever! This is the One the Apostle Peter knew as His Christ. This is the One we, too, should claim as our Christ. Each per-

son must determine what he will do with this Christ. He must either receive the living Christ who is reigning with the heavenly Father in glory, or else reject Him, for Scripture offers no other alternative.

Making Christ Our Own

Scripture shows us that it is not sufficient to have an intellectual belief in Christ. We need more than this. Even Satan has this type of belief. Saving faith is composed of two elements, knowledge and trust. This Christ must become *my* Christ.

How do we go about establishing a right relationship with Christ, so that "I am His and He is mine"? This Christ becomes *my* Christ only as I open my heart to God's call, surrender my life to His Lordship, and trust in Him as my only hope and source of salvation.

When God's spirit performs a saving work in our hearts, we shall desire to make an open confession of our belief in Christ Jesus. This is one way we can immediately begin to exercise the faith God has given to us. When we tell others that He is our Christ, we will be obeying God's rule for our lives. The Christian signifies his loyalty to the Lord with the witnessing battle cry, "He is my Christ."

For Further Discussion

1. List some of the details the Old Testament gives concerning the coming of Christ.
2. What does it mean to witness concerning Christ?

3. Make a list of Scripture references and passages which deal with witnessing.

Life Problem

Frank was born and raised in a Christian family. Nearly two years ago he confessed Christ before the young people in his society, and later he made this same confession concerning his faith before the entire church. Frank is happy about this decision he made and he is proud to call himself a Christian. But unfortunately, Frank has not paid much attention to spiritual growth in his life. Now he is perplexed.

At school Frank mentioned something about his faith to Joe, one of the members of his class. Joe is active in a non-Christian cult, and along with others in this cult Joe spends much time going from house to house telling people about the peculiar beliefs of this cult. Frank has found it difficult to witness to Joe, for Frank soon found that Joe could point to the Bible in support of his cult's beliefs very quickly. In fact he could argue for passages which his cult used to support their strange beliefs while Frank had trouble finding many references which upheld Christian doctrine. What can Frank do in such a situation?

Let your society outline a plan of procedure. This outline should solve two problems which have arisen. It should deal with ways to promote spiritual growth in Frank's life, and it should also point out practical ways in which immediate witness could be given to Joe.

What Should I Expect from My Church?

No. 1 in a Series: "My Relationship to My Church"

Isaiah 2:3; Revelation 3:1-6; Ephesians 5:27



Junior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 5

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Vohs

Pep the Meeting

Have a rope at the front of the room as the object lesson. Each section of the meeting will find the leader tying a knot in the rope. As Christian Endeavorers express their opinions on subjects or make a contribution to the discussion tie a knot. See how full of knots the rope can get.

Worship

Plan your own worship service to go with the topic. The best method is to use the hymns of *Christian Endeavor Songs*. Use the hymns: *For Christ and the Church*; *The Church's One Foundation*; *Challenge of the New Day*.

What Does Our Church Do?

List on the blackboard the things that the church does for you and your community. Let these be suggested by different Junior Highs. Include such items as: holds services of worship, provides preaching, cares for the children, cares for the poor, comforts those who are in trouble and sorrow, conducts wedding ceremonies, wins people to Christ, sends money to missions, draws people together, etc.

Does any other organization do any of the same things? Does any other organization do some things better? Would you ever have the church do them than any other group? Why?

What Is the Record of the Church in Your Community?

Marking the territory about a mile from the church in each direction: How many churches are there? How many different denominations? How far are these churches from the people? How many people do go to church? What can the church do to improve the community? Are there ways in which we can work together better? What are they? What is the greatest need of our community, which the church can do to meet?

How Did Jesus Look at the Church?

Read Ephesians 5:25-27. Paul tells us that Jesus loved the church. He was active in the church of His day and loyally served until driven from it.

Jesus saw the church as the very nucleus of the cell that would grow into the Kingdom. The church has been criticized and persecuted, driven underground and handed by men, but it is a mighty anvil that has worn out many hammers. We are invited to the church for the preservation of our Bible and our faith. We must thank God for the church of Jesus Christ and for the healing, helping ministry of reconciliation. Read John 5:17. Jesus saw the great needs of men in His day and enlisted disciples to help in the task of meeting them. Through the years the church has sought to preach, teach, minister, and worship in

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1. To understand the purpose of the church.
2. To see how the church can help Junior Highs and, in turn, how Junior Highs can aid the church.
3. To appreciate fellowship with other Christians in the church.

QUESTIONS

1. Why can't you be a Christian alone?
2. How did Jesus show us the family relationship of the church?
3. How do Christians live as brothers?
4. What is meant by the statement that God treats us as persons?
5. What is the greatest contribution that the church has made to my life? To this community?
6. What are some of the things that our church can and should do?
7. How can we as young people help our church to fulfill its mission?
8. What are the ways in which we need to grow in order to be more worthy and effective members of our church?
9. To which of our beliefs is it most difficult to be loyal? Why?

such a way that God's will could be known to men.

Should a living church meet these requirements?

- A vital worship service.
- A prayer fellowship.
- A program of benevolences.
- A service project in the community.
- A shared concern for one another.

To sum up: a living church is a worshiping, working, serving, and giving fellowship of Christians.

Is it not true that where the Protestant Church has gone, there men have found the light of truth? Ignorance and illiteracy have been attacked, disease and immorality have been pushed out.

What Service Can You Render?

The church, as well as the Christian youth group, is not a body of loafers. There are jobs to do. The Christian Endeavor which has no action projects is very poor indeed.

In fact, work is one of the best ways to interest the most outstanding young people in Christianity. Give youth jobs to do, big jobs, unselfish jobs that call out the building instinct that is in youth.

Service is important to a live youth group. Young people should be aware of needs in the local community and suggest appropriate projects for meeting them. The Christian Endeavor group that never does anything for anyone but itself, plans around itself and spends all its money and time on itself, has missed the "kingdom" idea of Jesus.

Enlist Others

Enlisting others is a tremendous task and can be done only when you are in partnership with God. Pray for guidance. If you

try it, you'll find a most exciting, satisfying experience in helping other young people to be Christian. Discuss how your Christian Endeavor can win other youth.

What Can We Do?

What can we do to make the experience of church-going worthwhile? What can we do from the standpoint of the worshiper?

We must bring a proper mood to the house of God.

First, we must bring a religious mood—the mood of reverence, the mood of faith ("He that cometh to God must believe that He is")—the mood of moral sincerity, the mood of need.

Second, we must bring a positive mood. We must come, not to criticize or to analyze, but to affirm. We must come willing to see the best and to believe the best. We won't get anything out of church if we go looking for mistakes in the preacher's sermon.

We must come to participate rather than sit on the sidelines as a spectator. We must sing the hymns, join in the responsive reading, pray with the pastoral prayer.

Finally, there is the prayerful mood. How truly the Master spoke when He said of that Pharisee who went to the Temple, "He stood up and prayed thus with himself!"

The business of the church isn't to bring our troubles with us, to brood over our hurts, to rehearse our worries. Nor do we go to worship the minister. We go to church to worship God. This must be our sincere object in attending divine worship in the House of the Lord.

In leaving the church worship service do we have a responsibility to work out the change given us in daily life? Discuss.

Closing the Meeting

Have a few moments of silent prayer and meditation in which each person presents faces up to his own responsibility to the church and to Christ. Close with a heartfelt prayer for the church, for its membership, and for its pastor.

QUESTIONS?

Any questions you would like to have answered? About a personal problem, perhaps . . . or something to do with Christian Endeavor . . . or getting along with others. Whatever the subject, Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, welcomes your questions. Send them to him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Watch for the answer in his question-and-answer column in a future issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Any questions?

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He Is My Life

No. 2 in a Series: "Personal Religion"

Luke 18:18-23; II Corinthians 5:17

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Dr. Lawrence M. Bixler*

Promoting the Meeting

Clip some magazine and newspaper ads that appeal to people's desire to live to the full. Paste them at random on a poster. Somewhere on the poster have the words "These may be helpful—BUT ALL MEN NEED CHRIST—HE IS OUR LIFE." An announcement of the time and place of meeting should be included.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting tonight is to come to know in our everyday experience what it means to live for Christ. Altogether too frequently Christ is merely the subject of conversation while we are in the church group. But He must come to be my life and your life.

For the Leader

Everybody lives for something or somebody. The rich young ruler described in the Scripture reference is a good example of one who lived for possessions. Many people do, even though they may not be rich or likely to become so. Someone has said that an American believes that he plans that he can solve any of his problems by buying something else. While material things are good servants they are not good masters.

Other people live for status in the community. Recognition for being better than other people is the standard for success in the world. But this is not the Christian measurement of success. A greater number of talents means greater responsibility, not superiority to a brother.

There are multitudes of people that are living today for pleasure. The immense amount of money that is spent in resorts is evidence of this fact. Everyone needs recreation for relaxation. But when pleasure becomes a goal of human life, personality is cheapened and degraded. Even in the church, it is possible for young people to be so possessed with the desire for a good time that efforts are diverted away from the real purpose of serving Christ. This is not to say that recreation should not have a place in the church's program, but that it should not be the sole concern of the church or church group.

Because the very nature of religion is such that it is concerned with goals and values, it is easy to verbalize about it. It is more difficult to experience it and live it. It is easy to say "Christ is my Life." But it is difficult to make Him my Life. Tonight we are concerned with the practical meaning of the affirmation that "He is my Life."

He Shows Us the Way of Life

Man does not know in himself what is the good life. The essence of the Christian message is that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Jesus

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: I Surrender All
Hymn: Give of Your Best to the Master
Scripture: Luke 18:18-23; II Corinthians 5:17
Hymn: Living for Jesus
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: Just As I Am, Thine Own To Be
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Life Problem Discussion
Consecration Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised
Benediction

is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). There are many people who think that Christianity is the giving up of life. There are some things that a Christian may give up, but these aren't the things that make for life. He should give up hatred, anger, malice, back-biting, and impulsive and undisciplined action. But the richness of life is found in what he adds—joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control.

Christ leads us to love God and to love our fellowman. In serving others and becoming a servant of God one finds his life—the abundant life. It is then that one comes to know the meaning of Jesus' statement "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39).

He Gives Us Guidance

The Lord has not left us alone in the struggle of life. He promised to be with us always even unto the end of the world. He is with us in His Word. It is through the living Word of God that we come to know of Christ's love and purpose for us. We come to know His will for our lives as we read that word and come to know its implications in our everyday living.

He gives us guidance through His Church. The Lord has said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). There is great value in the face-to-face experiences of Christians. These help us in facing our problems and in developing spiritual insight. According to Ephesians 2:21,22 and 4:1-16 this is the purpose of the church.

The Lord guides us through His providence. Things do not always turn out the way that we had planned. They seldom do. But quite frequently we discover that even though things did not turn out the way that they were planned, even greater opportunities of Christian growth and service are made available. These may not always be pleasant (in fact, they may even involve suffering), but they can be opportunities for deepening and enriching one's Christian faith. We need to realize anew the truth expressed in Matthew 6:25-33. It is not what happens to us, but what happens in us that really makes for abundant living. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

He Is Our Hope

Life can become very complicated for the Christian. But the Christian assurance that through God's grace there is always a way. It may not be the easy way but it can always be for man's spiritual good. Paul has declared that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Timothy 4:8). Every human being seeks some meaning to life. Our faith in Christ enables us to not only accept adversity but to see it as of some value in personal living (Cf. Romans 8:28,36-37).

Death has significance to the Christian. It is not the end but a step into a fuller and richer fellowship with God and the community of the redeemed (Cf. I Corinthians 15:12-58; Revelations 21).

He Is Our Power

Man feels his own weakness again and again. He realizes that there are some things that he cannot do. In the first place he cannot redeem himself. It is through God's love and grace that he can stand before God (Cf. John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:17-21). In the second place man cannot face temptation alone. When Jesus was tempted He withstood the use of the Word of God and a revelation of the presence of God and His power (Cf. Matthew 4:1-10). In the third place man needs God's power to serve. He has promised this power to man when He gave the Great Commission. He said, "And I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). It will be all of us to remember this promise and to engage in Christian work.

He Calls Us to Service

The Christian life is an active life, not a passive one. We are saved to serve. Man needs to feel that he is useful to his fellowman. Our Lord recognizes that we do not all have the same talents or abilities. But He demands that we use what we are given to His glory. The Christian is the steward of his time, talent, possessions, and life.

Problem

Upon graduating from high school, Jones faced the problem of what to do with his life. He thought of the need for full-time Christian workers. But because of his interests and other influences about him, he decided that he could serve his country better in another profession.

Jim went away to college to train to become a public school teacher. During his time he gradually drifted away from the church and the Christian life. After he graduated he seldom went to church because he said that he was too busy.

What can we do about such problems? The church needs to continually challenge young people to serve the Lord with their talents or calling that they may

What Should My Church Expect from Me?

No. 2 in a Series: "My Relationship to My Church"

II Timothy 2:15; I Corinthians 12:15-31; Hebrews 10:25



Junior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 12

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy*

Motion

Since we are thinking about the church, pictures of church buildings on posters with people going toward them, could be used. Or you may want to make posters showing pieces of a church scattered over and then showing how each piece is important to the final picture of the church completed. Urge your pastor to make use of the church bulletin in pointing out the advantages of being a church member and that the church expects from each member.

For the Leader

We are in a day when everyone seems simply that we have no sense of values. The last week's topic was "What Should I Expect from My Church?" we could very easily say that our views are all one sided. We want to receive all we can get from the church, but are not willing to give anything to our church in return.

In planning be sure to urge every one to be prepared to discuss what an Intermediate can give to the church. It would be helpful for those who will be discussing this topic to have a meeting a few weeks beforehand in order for them to be able to share their thoughts.

Program Outline

Prayer Service

Include: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer: Suggest that each one renew the promises made to the church when received into membership.

Hymn: *For Christ and the Church*

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:15-31

Prayer

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*

Leader's Talk

Discussion

The Pledge (in unison)

Closing Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

Benediction

Leader's Talk

This evening we are going to consider what our church expects from us and then try to learn how we can be helpful to our church and in what ways we can actually do the expected tasks.

We notice that Paul in writing to the Corinthians states that there must be a close union of our physical body for it to function properly. He emphasizes that if it is necessary for our body to be joined together in such a manner, then it is also necessary for each and every one in the church to perform the tasks as they arise before them.

For the Bible study choose individuals who in their youth helped God perform tasks

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OUR AIMS

1. To emphasize the church's need of all.
2. To show how we can see our responsibility in the church.
3. To point out how we can fulfill our responsibilities.

as they arose before them. You might call this the "line up" for God.

Joseph, a boy of seventeen years of age.

Samuel as a boy was a servant in God's House.

David, a soldier without armor, but with God.

The Little Captive Maid who loved a Syrian captain named Naaman.

Josiah, who became King of Judah when he was only eight years old.

Jesus, who at twelve was found in the temple both hearing the doctors and asking them questions, not as a teacher but as a learner.

The Line Up Begins

Review 1

In Hebrews 10:25 we find these words: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

The church expects each Christian Endeavorer to be loyal and faithful in attendance. Therefore, in the light of the above Scripture, are we fulfilling our responsibility if we attend church only when it is convenient for us? As we are being observed by others can we exhort one another to be a faithful worker for the Lord and that the Lord is coming again to receive those who are faithful to their tasks, if we are absent from church services?

There is the story of a pastor who announced that there would be a funeral of the church next Sunday. On that Sunday afternoon the church building was completely filled, the pastor delivered the funeral message and then as the people came to view the dead they looked into a large mirror and saw themselves. Who was dead, the church or the people?

Review 2

In I Corinthians 12:25 Paul says that there should be no schism in the body, meaning that every part should be together.

There is one part that most young people leave out of their church program. That part is best explained in the Tenth Legion of the Christian Endeavor movement. This is a fellowship of tithers within the movement. Members of this Tenth Legion fellowship want to do something for their church. Therefore, they try to use all they have for God's glory, by setting aside a minimum of their income for the Lord's work. They tithe.

Some feel that when they get older they will give a tithe to the work of the Lord.

Do you think that they will? Should you give a tithe of the spending money that your folks give you every week?

Review 3

For a body never to suffer a schism it must always keep in perfect shape. In II Timothy 2:15 we have the answer for everyone who desires to prepare for leadership.

Today the world is looking to younger men for leadership and the church is doing the same. But for you to be a good leader in the church you must study to show yourself approved as a leader. The church expects that you will attend and be ready to help in the study courses so that you will be able to lead in the future.

Do you think that you can be a good leader if you do not attend all the services? Do you need to know your Bible to be a good leader? Or can you just guess at your work and still be a good leader?

Review 4

May we begin this review with a question? What is the house of God? To a lot of Junior Highs the house of God is only a place to meet other Junior Highs and talk and laugh. To some it is the opportunity to tease the one in front for the sake of a laugh.

The church expects you to contribute to the service and to the house of God a sense of worship which is fitting to God. You may contribute by joining in the singing and in prayer, and by helping others. And above all, when someone is speaking be attentive enough to receive the message directed to you to live by during the next week.

In your own thinking how do you expect other Junior Highs to conduct themselves in the house of God? What do you consider a fitting attitude during the worship service which should be expressed by Intermediates?

A Life Situation

Jerry is a Boy Scout and a leader in a Christian Endeavor society. He loves to wear his scout uniform on days of recognition but at any other time he does just as little as possible. As a Christian Endeavor worker he looks only for the good times the group can offer him, but never seems to ask what he could give to the meetings. How will this affect his life now and when he is in adult work?

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.



This Is My Bible

No. 3 in a Series: "Personal Religion"

Deuteronomy 17:19; John 5:39; Acts 17:11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Aim

Since the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian, this places upon him the necessity of knowing it as thoroughly as he can so that at all times he may be guided in the right way—that is, God's way.

Advertising the Meeting

From the American Bible Society in New York City secure stamps showing an open Bible. Paste one at the top of a three cent postcard and print underneath it: *Is this really your book?* Underneath these words write: We invite you to attend our Christian Endeavor meeting on (date), at (time), (place) when we will discuss the topic *This Is My Bible*. Come and learn how to make the Bible *Your Bible*.

Introduction

As one reads the Gospels one is impressed with the intimate acquaintance that Jesus had with the Scriptures. See: Matthew 21:42; 22:29,32,37,39,44; Mark 14:49; Luke 4:16-21; 24:27,32,44-45; John 7:37,38,42; 10:34-36; 13:18; 17:12. An examination of these and other quotations and references to the Old Testament, the only Bible of Jesus' day, will show that they are derived from every part of it, indicating His intimate acquaintance with its obscurist corners as well as its more prominent portions. Thus, in very truth, Jesus could say, "This is my Bible" because He knew it so thoroughly and used it as the chart and compass of His life.

Such also holds true for the most illustrious of the Master's followers, Paul. See: Romans, Chapter 9; Galatians 4:22-31; Philippians 3:4-6. As we read his letters to the various Christian communities throughout the eastern half of the Mediterranean we marvel at how deeply steeped he was in the content and understanding of the Word of God.

The same could be said of all the truly great in Christendom down through the ages: Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, John Bunyan, Adoniram Judson, David Livingstone, and a host of others. Since this is true, the question that each of us should ask himself is: "How well do I know the Bible? Can I truly say, 'My Bible' because it is so much a part of me?"

Let us begin by discussing some fundamental matters that must be understood and practiced if the Bible is to play the important part in your life and mine that it should.

Time

Ask each one present to tell how often each week the Bible is read. Is there a definite period of time each day set apart

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 119:9-12
Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Psalm 1
Sentence Prayers
Announcements
Offering
Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
Discussion of Topic
Prayer of Consecration
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Benediction

for such reading? After each has had a chance to answer these questions let the leader point out how important it is to be regular in reading and studying the Bible. Just as it is necessary to have meals regularly for a healthy body, the required hours of sleep for best performance of responsibilities, regular practice hours to be a good musician or athlete so it is necessary to have regularity about Bible study if one would be strong spiritually.

Version

Often an individual finds Bible reading difficult because the version used speaks in a language that is somewhat removed from that commonly employed today. Ask the members present what version is used. Does this pose a problem? Have you ever thought of using another? Then point out some of the other translations available. More important than version used is to understand what is being read, and whichever version or versions achieves that purpose is the one to read.

Reason

Motivation is very important in any undertaking. Therefore, ask each one present to tell why he reads or does not read the Bible daily. Then show that the only right motive for daily Bible study is the ardent desire on the part of the reader to learn more fully what God has to say about Himself, what He desires in those who yearn to be His children in spirit and in truth, and how they should behave toward their fellowman. Since the Bible is the record of God's self-disclosure as to His Being and His will, it is therefore the only safe and sure guide for faith and practice. Such was the way Jesus used His Bible and, as followers of Him, we should do likewise so that we may become more like Him.

Method

To obtain the best results one must use the best method possible. The best method for reading the Bible will require:

a. Read a brief introduction to the particular book of the Bible you are going to study so that you may have an overall view of the purpose the writer has in mind as well as a general outline of the book, its

main divisions and sub-divisions. Such Bible is: *The Westminster Study Edition of the Bible* (Westminster Press, \$10). There are others which your pastor will be happy to suggest.

b. Read by thought units rather than chapters or by verses. The chapter and verse divisions in our Bible were introduced in the 16th century for facility in locating passages and often ignore the division of thought. These thought units may range from as little as a verse (for example, many of the proverbs) or as much as a book (for example, Ruth). More than half of the sixty-six books contained in the Bible can be read in an average of about twenty minutes. In so doing the flow of a single idea is not interrupted but oftentimes sweetened in upon the heart with all the force of its beauty, its elevation of spirit, and its broadening of spirit.

c. Certain books should be read together because they deal with matters closely related or with the same period of history. Examples of this are: Kings and Chronicles; Harmonies of the Gospel; Galatians and Acts 15 and 16; Thessalonians and Acts; Leviticus and Hebrews; Galatians and Romans.

d. Be sure you know the kind of writing you are reading. Prose and poetry need to be read and understood differently. History and parable should be handled differently. Again, is the writer quoting from some source? Who is speaking? God or Satan? To keep these distinctions clearly in mind will avoid gross error and sorry consequences.

Tools

Since the Bible you read is a translation and even the best of translations cannot fully capture the flavor and depth of meaning in the original because of linguistic barriers, to make a real study of the Bible helps are necessary. Among the tools that should be used are commentaries, a Bible dictionary, an atlas, and a concordance.

Conclusion

Since the Bible is the record of God's self-disclosure of His being and will for us, since Jesus used it for inspiration and guidance, since all the great Christians do their faith and strength therefrom, it is required of one who would be a worthy follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to become as familiar with the Bible as possible so that it may serve him in like fashion, enable him to become a faithful and enlightened Christian. That the Bible may achieve its purpose in us it will be necessary that we read it with regularity, in the version most readily understood, for inspiration, knowledge and guidance, in a way that will make it meaningful and beneficial, and using every resource available to make the message clear. Only then will each of us be able to say, "This is MY Bible."

What Is Christian Endeavor?

No. 1 in a Series: "The Christian Endeavor Movement"

Romans 12:9-21



Senior High (12-14 Years)

APRIL 19

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Planning the Meeting

Lead over all of the material on this very carefully. Assign the two talks *Rethinking the Pledge* to those who will do thorough preparation. It would be a good idea to have the committees handle questions which have to do with their own.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Circle
Song: *In the Service of the King*
Announcements and Offering
Song: *Living for Jesus*
Offer: President or Sponsor
Devotional Talk
Scripture: Romans 12:9-21 (unison)
Rethinking the Pledge
Look at the Past
Look at the Present
Song: *Jesus Calls Us*
Benediction Prayers and Benediction

Devotional Talk

Our topic tonight is the first of two studies about the Christian Endeavor movement. What is Christian Endeavor? Why was it organized in the first place? What does it stand for? How does it differ from other youth groups? What is its program? What's in a name? In the first place it is a Christian society. The first society was organized by Dr. Francis E. Clark to meet the spiritual needs of a group of new young Christians in his church. They needed to do something to do for Christ in order to grow in their Christian lives. Previous to his time several methods of pink teas and entertainments had been tried to hold young people to the church, but these had all failed.

The Christian Endeavor society was organized with a different aim, a higher purpose, and far more strenuous methods than the society that had been tried in the past. Dr. Clark felt that God very definitely led him as he worked out the plan and purpose of that first society.

To *endeavor* means to *attempt strenuously*. To attempt means to put forth effort, to strive. *Strenuously* means vigorously, energetically, bravely, boldly, actively.

What is Christian Endeavor? Societies of Christian youth putting forth vigorous, brave, energetic effort to live for Christ and the Church.

Look at the Past

God richly blessed this Christ-centered movement from the beginning. From one society in one church, it has grown to as many as six societies of graded Christian Endeavor in many churches. Christian Endeavor is in eighty denominations and in many countries. Hundreds of missionaries, sisters, and lay leaders give Christian

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Endeavor the credit for challenging them to give themselves to the service of mankind.

A Look at the Present

The best place for us to study the meaning we give to *endeavor* is right in our own local society. How hard are we working to make our society worthwhile? Let us look critically at our own society program:

Meetings (Devotional Committee)

- Do we have a pre-prayer circle?
- Do we stress carefully planned meetings every week?
- Do we always start on time?
- Is there a worshipful atmosphere in our meetings?
- Do we try to give everyone an opportunity to take part in some way?
- Do we encourage the timid members by giving them easy things to do at first?
- Is there variety in our meetings? Do we use new ideas and room arrangements?
- Do we use special features such as stories, dramatizations, skits, hymn stories, picture interpretations, filmstrips?
- How long has it been since we learned a new hymn?
- Are we keeping a scrapbook of ideas?
- Are we on the alert to constantly improve our meetings?

Membership (Lookout Committee)

- Is our membership list, both of active and associate members, up-to-date?
- Do we have a live prospect list?
- Do we keep a record of attendance and participation at the meetings?
- Do we contact absentees right away? Do we send cards to the sick?
- Do we have a goal for new members and work toward that goal?
- Do we have a regular calling night once a month?
- Do we have a supply of active and associate pledge cards and can we explain the meaning of each to prospective members?
- Do we make visitors welcome at our meetings?

Recreation (Social Committee)

- Do we have well-planned socials once a month?
- Do we cooperate with the Lookout Committee in inviting all prospects? Do we make a special effort to see that visitors have a good time?
- Do we always plan a devotional closing to our socials?
- Do we keep a scrapbook of ideas for games, refreshments, decorations, etc.?

Publicity (Church Activity Committee)

- Do we publicize all of our youth activities?
- Do we have a monthly (or quarterly) youth night?
- Do we have a youth choir and sing for the evening church service?
- Do we help in our church vacation Bible school?
- Do we stress church attendance, especially at the evening service?
- Do we attend Christian Endeavor rallies, conferences, and conventions? Camps?
- Does our minister know that he can always count on us in an emergency?
- Do we keep a scrapbook of our publicity?

Officers (Executive Committee)

- Do we know what we are supposed to do?
- Have we set a time and place for our business meetings? Do we hold them regularly? Do we have written reports?
- Have we ever had a fall or spring planning conference?
- Is every member in our society assigned to some committee?
- Have we ever had a class in Christian Endeavor Essentials?
- Do we stress daily Bible reading and prayer?
- How many Quiet Hour Comrades do we have in our society?
- Do we stress stewardship of time, talents, and money? How many members of the Tenth Legion do we have?

Missions (Missionary Committee)

- Do we have at least six good interesting missionary meetings each year?
- Do we have a definite missionary project for home missions? For foreign missions?
- Do we cooperate with our church in a School of Missions?
- Do we have and use a missionary prayer list?
- Did we ever have a missionary social?
- Have we ever put on a missionary play or dramatization?
- Have we ever had a Christmas party for "others"?
- Are we keeping a missionary scrapbook?
- Do we ever write to our missionaries?

Rethinking the Pledge

1. *Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength.* Jesus says, "Without me, ye can do nothing." When we are asked to do things in Christian Endeavor we often say, "I can't do that." (Read Philippians 4:13 and II Corinthians 12:9, and show why we Christians do not have to try to do things in our own strength). Jesus also promises, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." If we take Him at His word and tackle the job, trusting in Him for strength, we start growing. We find out for ourselves that He keeps His word. It's a thrilling experience!

2. *I promise Him that I will strive* (read Colossians 1:29) *to do whatever* (read John 2:5 and John 15:14) *He would have me do* (read Colossians 3:17 and 23). Why is it important that we be willing to *try*? Why is it important that Christian boys and girls be more concerned about pleasing Christ and being obedient to Him, than in pleasing someone else? How does this help us to make Him the Lord and King of our lives?

For the Sponsor

Pamphlets, *What Is Christian Endeavor?* and *A Vital Program for Youth* may be secured without charge in reasonable quantities from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Also ask for a catalog of other supplies if you do not have one.



This Is My Church

No. 4 in a Series: "Personal Religion"

Romans 12:4,5

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

APRIL 1964

Comments by Rev. Andrew White*

Purpose of This Session

1. To increase our knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the Christian Church.

2. To discuss what is the purpose of the church so as to discover whether our relationship to it is contributing toward the achievement of that purpose.

3. To learn more about the history of our particular local church and to see how its program is helping the members to become more impassioned disciples of Jesus.

Basis for Discussion

Each local church is rooted in some intellectual concept of what the church is. It would be an enriching experience for the entire group and for each individual member if a reading project on the history of the church were sponsored. If we start by considering the church today and go in reverse toward the church down through the ages, more enthusiasm will be generated than if we start with the church from its birth up to where it is now. This procedure starts the study at a point where we have a definite relationship to the church and definite responsibility for the church.

The prelude to this larger reading project could be a study of the history of the local church in which we have membership, and also of our own denomination or communion.

Resources for Study and Discussion

Unless there is a well planned program of carefully selected, interesting, and timely material, this reading project will fall on its face. Since there is not a great deal of intense interest in the chronological reading of history, it might be more profitable to select certain outstanding heroes and leaders of the church and let the group read about them.

If the group would like to concentrate upon a single book which contains both history and inspiration, *"The Story of the Church"* by Walter Russell Bowie (Abingdon Press, \$2.95) is highly recommended.

Advance Preparation

This session will be very dry if you fail to make specific assignments well in advance. Group assignments would distribute the responsibility. Group 1 could be asked to sketch the history of your own local church. A listing of notable things achieved through the years would be inspiring. Group 2 could lead a round-table discussion on your own denomination or communion. Group 3 could deal with the question, "Is the Church Necessary?" "What is the American Church Doing Now?" is another striking topic that could be used.

Informed persons should be asked to share in both the preparation and presentation of each of the above topics. Invite the

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Group Singing
Hymn: **Stand Up for Jesus**
Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 5:13; James 2:14-17
Hymn: **I Love to Tell the Story**
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: **Living for Jesus**
Offering
Announcements
Closing Meditation
Benediction

principal of your school to work with one of the groups. Ask a doctor, a lawyer and a business man to share their views on these topics with the group.

The Christian Church

Read Acts 1:4-8. The Christian Church and the Christian religion are two sides of the same revolutionary experience, Christianity. We cannot have the Christian religion without the Christian Church, and we cannot have the Christian Church without the Christian religion. Our Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church," expresses this idea very simply and pointedly.

The dynamics of Christianity have always startled the world. Individuals and communities have been changed drastically when the teachings of Jesus have been faithfully followed. The Church has been the chief agency through which these teachings have been transmitted from generation to generation.

The passage of Scripture found in Acts 1:4-8 tells how disciples of Jesus became so effective in their witnessing. These verses tell us that the source of the power of the Church is the Holy Spirit. "I believe in the Holy Spirit" is part of the creed which many Christians recite from time to time. Have we ever stopped to figure out just what is meant by these familiar words? When we sing "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove," what are we addressing? A person? An influence? Him, or her, or it? Just what do we mean? Who or what is the Holy Spirit, without which neither the Christian nor the Christian Church would have any power?

The Holy Spirit

Read Acts 2:14. One of the simplest yet most accurate definitions of the Holy Spirit is that it is *Divine Reinforcement*. When we read through the Acts and see how ordinary men who got in touch with *Extraordinary Power* did extraordinary things beyond their power to accomplish, we get a working picture of the Holy Spirit.

If we today would place the proper emphasis upon the Holy Spirit, the Day of Pentecost would take its place beside Christmas and Easter.

If your church lacks power it is because you who make it up lack power; and you lack power because you lack the Holy Spirit.

What Is the Church?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16. The total Church in the world is more than an organization. It is like the human body made beautiful and significant because it possesses a living spirit, the spirit of Jesus. Just as the human body cannot pulsate with new life day after day without the life-giving principles, in like manner the Christian Church cannot be dynamic without the presence of Christ.

The Church is the body of Christ. It is the earthly agency of divine redemption. It is always more than a human institution. It belongs to God. It is His agency of service.

Church Membership Responsibility

Many people are members of a church because belonging to a church is a measure of easy prestige. This type of membership is irresponsible and is a liability to the church.

If there is true Christian quality in our commitment we will become completely involved in Christ's church and will become responsible for helping others to become Christians. A responsible church member will attend regularly because he recognizes the rich values of worship; he will give freely because he realizes that Christ's church needs money to do its great work effectively; he will serve faithfully because he knows that he is God's agent in the world.

Unless church members engage in specific tasks in the name of Christ their profession of Christ will have form and fashion but no substance.

Illustrations

When Father Doesn't Know Best

By Robert Young

Our daughter Kathy often talks to me following her formal prayers. Usually, she asks for many things. But one night, after her list of requests, she paused and added, "And now, God, what can I do for you?"

The question jolted me. What can she do for I or anyone—do for God?

Certainly, I don't know if we can do anything for Him. But I've decided that one way to serve God is by taking a more active and continuing part in church life. For me, there has been no one great inspirational moment. But, over a period of time, my family and I have discovered that church attendance and religious experiences have added new strength to our lives. It is a strength we all need . . . and you will find it any other way.

The Look on Their Faces

By Will Rogers, Jr.

Recently, an English friend remarked rather wonderingly to me, "I had no idea there were so many different kinds of churches in the States. You'd hardly recognize some of them as churches until you see the worshipers coming out."

"How do you recognize them as worshipers, then?" I asked.

"By the look on their faces," he answered simply.

Christian Endeavor Prepares for Leadership



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Comments by Frances M. Becker*

Hands of Leadership

You've probably heard the expression "no many chiefs—not enough Indians." It expresses a basic desire on the part of most of us to be a leader in something, to be the official of some project or organization. This desire for leadership reveals itself in the fundamental ways, the positive and negative; the good and the bad. The Bible, history, and our daily newspapers give us many examples of both types of leadership and how our world has been either advanced or hindered.

Needless to say, the Christian principles applied to leadership are the surest means of fashioning a world that is positive, progressive and pleasing in the sight of God. A Christian leader arms himself with a shield, (Philippians 3:14) "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" and a promise, (Philippians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Qualities of Leadership

We have already listed on our blackboard the qualities which we feel a Christian leader should possess (See "Things to Do"). Let us look at them. Are they positive? Are they qualities which you can put to work? Would you know how to put them to work in your Christian Endeavor society, your church? Do they stress the good in a cause or of people rather than self? Could you find examples for these qualities in Scripture? Give some examples. Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

One of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorers has turned leadership into an art. Perhaps you'd like to try one of our own.

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Eager
Resourceful
Sacrificing
Humble
Informed
Practical

How Christian Endeavor Develops Leadership

One evening, during the Pacific Area Christian Endeavor Conference in Karuiawa, Japan, a Japanese minister in kimono and sandals stopped me to say, "We in Japan have great difficulty in getting young

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CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

Be strong, O Youth, be strong!
Yield not thy life to the low desire
Nor falter at the tempter's cast;
Trust in thy God, He will inspire
And give thee strength in every blast.
Be strong, O Youth, be strong!

Press on, O Youth, press on!
Join hands with those who dare ascend
With courage strong, surmount the crest;
And when the battle's strife shall end
Attain with joy the victor's rest.
Press on, O Youth, press on!

—Selected

people to assume responsibility in our church. What do you do in America?"

America too has this problem but Christian Endeavor has an answer. I told my Japanese friend how young people in Christian Endeavor societies under the direction of a counselor or superintendent plan their weekly meetings and then speak, lead or take "some part aside from singing" in their regular meetings.

We talked about the committee system where chairmen of the devotional committee, the lookout committee, the social committee, the missionary committee, and the church activity committee, plus other committees which a society might have, call their members together, plan programs for the society, with the approval of the entire society, and train and encourage their members to carry through the plans. This develops responsibility. This develops leadership.

We spoke of the officers of a society. Their positions are not those of bossing but those of leading the society members on to greater and more effective Christian training and witnessing.

In the *Christian Endeavor Essentials* book, one phrase has always captured my attention. It says, "God's wisdom is not available for a lazy or a careless mind." As Christian young people we must accept Christian assignments, duties, jobs that are given us in Christian Endeavor and the church. We must plan and prepare and carry out our assignments or jobs to the best of our abilities. And we must measure the job we have done according to the standards God has set for us.

Do not give the excuse that you can't do it. Remember the Christian Endeavor pledge starts with the words, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do."

Christian Endeavor Leaders

There is a well-known little phrase which says, "You learn to do by doing." Many young Junior Highs of a few years ago who were learning to do by doing in a Christian Endeavor society have today achieved positions of prominence in their church, their work, their community, their government. The same shy, inexperienced, bumbling, learning high-schoolers, who shook through

leading a meeting or perspired through presenting a topic, are today vocal, active and contributing members of church organizations and community groups.

The Philadelphia Christian Endeavor publication *Light* has been featuring a series of articles entitled "Paging Long-Timers." These are business men and church leaders who have come up through Christian Endeavor.

Listen to what John Harper, co-chairman of the International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Philadelphia in 1959, has to say, "Christian Endeavor has meant much to me over the years, for its training program has helped me to be willing to say, 'Yes' and accept responsibilities in the work for Christ and the Church. I know of no organization that can do more to help young people, boys and girls, to prepare for a useful and happy life."

As we think about young people becoming Christian leaders it is well to remember the wonderful admonition of Hudson Taylor:

"Be God's man;
In God's place;
Doing God's work;
In God's way."

Things To Do

1. Make two lists; leaders through whom the world has made progress for the good of man; leaders who have brought destruction to the people of the world.

2. At the beginning of the lesson have your young people make a list of all the qualities which they feel a Christian leader should possess. Place list on a blackboard.

3. Invite some of your older church leaders or community business men who have come up through Christian Endeavor training to the meeting. Give them a two minute opportunity to say what Christian Endeavor has meant to them. Don't forget to send them a "thank you" note for coming.

4. Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for copies of "Some Qualifications for Christian Leadership" (\$.60 a dozen).

5. From *Christian Endeavor Essentials* prepare a miniature leadership training course for your society with the possibility of interesting the members in a full-fledged course. Use this time to acquaint everyone in your group with the duties of each officer and committee in Christian Endeavor.

6. Encourage all your members to come to the International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 6-11, in Philadelphia.

Program Hints

1. Some songs to sing found in "Christian Endeavor Songs"—

In the Service of the King; Give of Your Best to the Master; O Jesus, I Have Promised; God's Way My Way; Are Ye Able, Said the Master; I Am Thine, O Lord.

2. Have someone prepared to sing as a solo, or duet with another Junior High, *Take My Life and Let It Be.*

3. Use poem, "Challenge to Youth."

Youth Forum

We Asked

What does Easter mean to you? How do you think a Christian young person should celebrate this day?

Youth Answered

Here are the answers given by five typical Christian Endeavorers.

Barbara Noonan, Cantrall, Illinois, recreation chairman for the Illinois Union and a senior at Illinois State Normal College, says:

Easter is a time for gladness and rejoicing because the son of God, crucified by man, overcame death and rose to be with His Heavenly Father on this day. It is a time for the renewal of God's promise of salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. God thought enough of us that He sent His only beloved son to walk among the sins of man and die a cruel death on the cross to save man from his sins. What else can we do, especially on this day, than praise His name for everlasting salvation and spread His word to all people.

A Christian young person should celebrate this day with reverent joy, fully understanding its importance in his life. I think it would be very appropriate for every Christian to start the day with a private or family meditation period.

Charles M. Hagler, Birmingham, Alabama, program chairman of the Alabama Union and a student at the University of Alabama, says:

To me Easter is the day that Jesus Christ arose from the grave—the greatest miracle ever witnessed by man. On this day He proved beyond all doubt that the grave is not final, and in doing so proved that God has power even over death and hell.

This day should be celebrated as a day of renewal of our faith, a time for strengthening our ties with God, and in supplication for new power in witnessing to others about our Saviour.

Carolyn Arnold, Dallas, Texas, president of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union and employed as a secretary, says:

Easter, to me, is a time for worship and a time for rejoicing. We worship because Jesus is our Lord and Saviour—we rejoice because He made Himself known to us as a *living* Lord and Saviour. On this special day we feel respect, mingled with love and awe; we are more aware of His power over *all* things.

Especially at this time a young person should be aware that Christ has a permanent place in his life, and that the living Saviour walks with him at all times.



Members of this month's Youth Forum talk it over informally at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus. They are (left to right) Carolyn Arnold, Carol McDermott, Charles M. Hagler, Barbara Noonan, and Rocky Stewart. All were delegates to the 1958 sessions of the Program Council and Executives' Conference.

Rocky Stewart, Battle Ground, Washington, vice-president of the Washington State Union and a member of the United States Air Force, says:

There are several important days in the Christian's year, but to me the most important one is Easter. Without Easter and the glory of His resurrection, Jesus would have been just another great man. It is Easter that gives us the assurance of sins paid for, because of His sacrifice; of His love for us; and of His coming again, which is the hope that carries us on. The Lord's power over life and death is shown in Easter. If Christ had not risen, we would be worshiping a dead God. We have instead a living Saviour who sits at the right hand of God to intercede for us. The hope and joy of Easter to me is that Christ *IS* and not WAS.

I think every Christian young person should observe Easter with great joy and reverence. It helps to get the spirit of Easter to attend a sunrise service. We should remember the sacrifice that He made for us and consider what we are doing for Him. We should thank God that we have an Easter to observe.

Carol McDermott, Peoria, Illinois, editor of ILLINOIS ENDEAVORER and sponsor of a high school age group, says:

To me Easter means that God's plan of salvation for men is complete—Christ took my sin, paid my debt, and I have eternal life, because He lives. Without Easter—the crucifixion and resurrection—the Gospel would be stripped of all its power; faith would be emptied of all its worth, and hope would become bankrupt (1 Corinthians 15:17-20).

I think a Christian young person should and has the privilege of celebrating this day by making it a point to be a personal witness to someone who is without this hope, who has not become a new creation in Christ.

COMING EVENTS

For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences which will be held in the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

APRIL

- 3-5—New England Region, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 16-19—Oregon, Astoria
- 18—Ontario (Spring Rally)
- 18-19—Indiana, Hobart (Spring Retreat)
- 18-19—Michigan, St. Marys Lake (Spring Conclave)
- 24-26—Middle Atlantic Region, Holiday Motor Hotel, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MAY

- 1-3—Colorado, Estes Park (Spring Training Conference)
- 9—Ontario, Hamilton (Junior Convention)
- 21-23—Kentucky, Otter Creek Park
- 29-31—Illinois, Camp Manitouqua

HONORING . . .

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- Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Berks County Union, Reading, Pennsylvania
- Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church, Red Lion, Pennsylvania
- Friedensaal's Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania
- Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
- Blountville Christian Church, Blountville, Tennessee
- Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Prince George, Virginia
- Edgewood Christian Church, Salem, Virginia
- Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia
- Congregational Church, Spring Green, Wisconsin

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Topics for APRIL

- Apr. 5. "Be Ye Doers of the Word." James 1:22-25; Matthew 25:31-46
- Apr. 12. Humble Yourself. Luke 18:9-14
- Apr. 19. Understanding North American Problems. Philippians 2:9-11
- Apr. 26. The Church's Work in North America. Matthew 28:16-20

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NEWS

from around the world

Virginia—The birthday banquet of the Roanoke Union was held January 2 in Belmont Presbyterian Church. Speaker was Rev. Kenneth L. Teague of Ghent Brethren Church.

Pennsylvania—Arch J. McQuilkin spoke over the "Church of the Future" program on Station WCAU, Philadelphia, on February 1. J. C. Thuss, president of Philadelphia Union, also participated. McQuilkin is co-chairman of the Philadelphia Convention Committee.

Virginia—Alice Whitley Jones of Richmond, Virginia, was the speaker at a birthday dinner in Augusta, sponsored by T. Shepherd.

Ohio—A total of 285 attended the Tuscarawas County banquet at Uhrichsville Presbyterian Church February 6. Harold E. Westhoff, general secretary of International Society, spoke on the theme, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" Excellent newspaper publicity included a front page story and several photos.

Wisconsin—On January 26 Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, spoke at the First Reformed Church of Wausau, using the Christian Endeavor Chapter, Romans 12, as Scripture message. Over 200 were present.

California—Rev. Bruce Kurrle was the speaker at the February rally of the Los Angeles County Union at Immanuel Menite Church in Downey. Scholarships to the high school inter conference February 6-8 were given as attendance awards.

Ontario—Waterloo County's birthday party was held January 1 at Alma Street United Brethren Church in Kitchener. Wilfrik was chairman of the funspiration hour.

New York—The annual birthday celebration of Brooklyn Union was held February 7 at Bushwick Presbyterian Church of Peace. Carroll gave special readings and each guest made a birthday offering of a penny for each year of his age. Fred Roessler is union president. Games and refreshments completed the evening.

Pennsylvania—An "old fashioned banquet" at Central Schwenker Church on February 7 was part of Montgomery County's birthday celebration. Toastmaster and song leader was Bob Russ, with Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart of Easton as speaker.

Tennessee—Merwyn C. Fuss, a Christian businessman of Taneysville, was the speaker at the annual banquet on January 22 in Westminster of Carroll County Union. Herbert Wilson, state president, was toastmaster. A feature was the display of photos of Christian Endeavor leaders and citizenship contest winners. Union president is Roger Boone.

Pennsylvania—A special Christian Endeavor service on January 1 at First Evangelical Congregational Church in Lebanon featured Harold Pittman, president of the state union, as speaker.

Missouri—A turkey banquet on February 1 was enjoyed by the youth, with the theme "Hats Off to Christian Endeavor." Dennis Goodman spoke on "For Christ" and Bessie Ann on "For the Church." The four Christian Endeavor principles were covered by Katie Bell Lindsey, Brenda Carr,

and 59 officers of the Dallas (Texas) District Union pictured at their installation in December by state president Carolyn Arnold at First Christian Church, Seagoville, are (left to right): Front row—Carolyn McAdams, Brenda Vanderworth, Don Cole, president, and Sheila Dean. Back row—Mrs. Jenabeth Moore, Bill Adair, Lewis Adams, and Freddie Cruse. Not pictured is C. L. Jaggars, pastor advisor. The photo was taken by Mary Moffitt.



These former members of a Junior High society meet annually with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Jeffery (center) who were their sponsors. The 18th annual reunion was held in California during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Jeffery, now extension secretary of International Society, says that this group proves that an investment in Christian Endeavor sponsoring really pays. Among the members are two Presbyterian ministers, a radio executive, five school teachers, an IBM executive, a professor, and a nuclear research scientist. A recent survey reveals the significant fact that all members of the group continue to be active church members.

Frank Becker, and Linda Taylor. Installation of officers by Mrs. Raymond Goodman closed the evening. Claudene Eddington is president for the coming year.

Brazil—Five societies connected with the Brazil Christian Mission in Goiania, Goiaz, are now meeting regularly in four different locations.

Minnesota—The Midwinter Workshop of the Minnesota Union attracted over 300, in spite of very cold weather, and was a real success, according to state leaders.



Rev. Andrew White



Dr. Lawrence M. Bixler



Rev. Chester D. Hirschy

The topic comments of these new writers appear in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Mr. White of Nashville, Tennessee, is editor-in-chief of the Division of Christian Education of the A.M.E. Church. Formerly president of the Richard Allen Youth Council and vice-president of the Golden Rule Union, he serves now on the Educational Committee of International Society. Dr. Bixler, whose home is in Eugene, Oregon, is professor of Bible and Christian Education at Northwest Christian College. In 1958 he received the Doctor of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He does extensive writing and holds a number of family counseling institutes. He has held Christian Endeavor posts in both California and Oregon. Mr. Hirschy is serving the new pastorate at the Oakdell United Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Huntington College.



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